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1. The following were present:

Dr. Appleton	State
Mr. Clinton	State
Lt. Col. Kiel	Army
Lt. Col. Rogers	Navy
Lt. Cdr. Nutt	Navy
Major Rush	Air Force
	CIA
	CIA (Chairman)

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2. The Chairman distributed for consideration by the members a draft of a memorandum which he proposes to submit to the DCI setting forth the views of the NIS Committee regarding the NIS production program. It was pointed out that it was a responsibility of the NIS Committee to appraise the NIS Program in the light of the current world situation and to bring to the attention of the IAC members, thru their representatives on the Committee, conclusions reached as to requirements for NIS and the adequacy of the production effort under current policies. The views expressed by the Chairman in the draft memorandum were concurred in by the members with some minor modifications. The Chairman undertook to redraft the memorandum in conformity with the several changes suggested by the members and to resubmit it for further consideration at the next meeting. It was agreed that concurrently with the submission of the Chairman's memorandum to the DCI each member would submit a copy of the memorandum to his own Chief of Intelligence with a covering memorandum setting forth the current situation in his agency with respect to the NIS Program and the increase in production and maintenance capabilities that would be required for the proposed expansion of the program. Draft of such covering memoranda are to be prepared by the members and submitted for discussion at the next meeting. If possible, each member will coordinate his draft memorandum with the other members prior to the next meeting.

3. Discussion was held on the control policy for the NIS which has been under study in the Agencies. It was brought out that MIC policies will probably be modified in the near future by developments in the NATO program. It was agreed, therefore, that existing controls would be maintained for the time being and kept under continuing examination.

4. The Army member reported that comments on the revised Outline and Outline Guide for NIS Chapter II were still under study by the Army Engineers, who, it was indicated, considered the comments too detailed

and were preparing suggested changes thereto. It was agreed that the Technical Services of Army should be given time to make a thorough study of the matter.

5. It was agreed that the revised NIS production schedule for FY 1951, which was approved at the last meeting, should become effective as of 1 January 1951.

6. The following proposal by the State member was taken under study by the members and will be brought up for discussion and decision at the next meeting:

"The islands of Soqatra, Abd al-Kuri, and the Brothers, lying to the east of Cape Guardafui, are at present included in NIS 55, Ethiopia, Eritrea, and British, French, and Italian Somaliland.

"It is strongly recommended that these islands be transferred to NIS 32, Arabia. The reason for this is that Soqatra is administratively, culturally, and linguistically part of the Sultanate of Qishn and Soqatra, which forms part of the eastern Aden Protectorate and thus falls under NIS 32. The islands of Abd al-Kuri and the Brothers are dependencies of Soqatra and thus should be included in NIS 32 along with the latter.

"It is pointed out also that Gwadar, a port on the coast of Pakistan near the border with Iran, is a possession of the Sultanate of Muscat and Oman. I realize that there is more question as to whether this should be included in NIS 32 instead of NIS 35-I or NIS 36, but I offer the matter for consideration."

7. The Army member proposed that action be taken to obtain a new priority list for NIS production from the Joint Chiefs of Staff. The proposal was discussed by the Committee and request was made on the Chairman to take the matter under advisement.

8. The next meeting will be held on 9 January 1951 at CIA.

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